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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1-9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) A system for generating service-oriented call-charge data for at least one service in a communication network, comprising:

a charge metering domain;

metering points, the metering points being network elements for charge metering provided in the charge metering domain;

<u>data being produced for a user being transmitted via a number of metering points;</u>

a charging domain; ~~your letter of a little of the~~

charging points, the charging points being network elements for charging provided in the charging domain; and

a policy function which controls both the charge metering points and the charging points by using predefined rules.

11. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 10, wherein

the policy function controls all charge metering points in the system.

12. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 10, wherein

the policy function controls all charging processes for at least two different services, the charging processes being controlled separately for each of the different services.

13. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 10, wherein

the policy function controls charge metering relating to the at least one service simultaneously with performance of the at least one service.

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14. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 13, wherein

the policy function monitors predefined call-charge thresholds relating to the at least one service, the call-charge thresholds being monitored simultaneously with performance of the at least one service.

15. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 10 wherein

the policy function has an interface to a service computer producing the at least one service.

16. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 10, wherein

the policy function has an interface for each of the network elements to be controlled, via which the rules used for controlling are in each case distributed.

17. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 10, wherein

the policy function has an interface for forwarding the rules used for controlling to a first of the network elements to be controlled, and

the rules used for controlling are forwarded from the first of the network elements to a remainder of the network elements.

18. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein

the policy function controls all charging processes for at least two different services, the charging processes being controlled separately for each of the different services.

19. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 18, wherein

the policy function controls charge metering relating to the at least one service simultaneously with performance of the at least one service.

20. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 19, wherein

the policy function monitors predefined call-charge thresholds relating to the at least one service, the call-charge thresholds being monitored simultaneously with performance of the at least one service.

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21. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 20 wherein

the policy function has an interface to a service computer producing the at least one service.

22. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein

the policy function has an interface for each of the network elements to be controlled, via which the rules used for controlling are in each case distributed.

23. (previously presented) The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein

the policy function has an interface for forwarding the rules used for controlling to a first of the network elements to be controlled, and

the rules used for controlling are forwarded from the first of the network elements to a remainder of the network elements.

24. (currently amended) A control device for generating service-oriented call-charge data for at least one service in a communication network having network elements for charge metering provided at metering points in a charge metering domain data being produced for a user being transmitted via a number of metering points and having network elements for charging provided at charging points in a charging domain, the control device comprising:

a policy function which controls both charge metering points and charging points by using predefined rules.

25. (currently amended) A method for generating service-oriented call-charge data for at least one service in a communication network, comprising:

providing a charge metering domain;

providing metering points as network elements in the charge metering domain;

transmitting data produced for a user via a number of metering points;

metering charges for the at least one service at the metering points;

providing a charging domain;

providing charging points as network elements in the charging domain;

charging for the at least one service at the charging points; and

controlling both the metering points and the charging points using predefined rules.